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Collections & Services

The Indiana State Library was founded in 1825. Since then, it has developed into one of Indiana's most diverse libraries, with specialized collections in the areas of:

- Federal documents
- Braille, audio books, and large print books
- Indiana state documents
- Genealogy and family history
- Statistical information about Indiana and the USA
- Indiana newspapers
- Manuscripts, personal papers, and photographs of Hoosiers through history
- American history and politics
- Indiana history and current events, people, and places significant to the state

Genealogy Collection

Includes published and unpublished resources relating to family history. Emphasis is on Indiana and bordering states as well as eastern and southern states. The collection, which does not circulate, includes:

- Family and local histories
- Population censuses
- Electronic records & databases

- Indiana statewide marriage index up to 1850
- Military and pension information
- Passenger lists
- Research guides; name origin and heraldry references
- Indexes, abstracts, or copies of courthouse/vital records

Indiana Collection

Provides reference service on all aspects of Indiana. Collects and maintains print and non-print materials documenting all areas of Indiana and its people. The collection, much of which does not circulate, includes:

- Maps and atlases
- State laws, 1816 - present
- Indiana newspapers, 1804 - present
- Histories, biographies, magazines, journals
- Manuscripts, broadsides, and photographs
- Clipping files
- State agency reports and publications
- Online databases and exhibitions

Indiana State Data Center

A cooperative service between the U.S. Census Bureau and the State of Indiana, coordinated by the State Library, the Indiana Business Research Center, and the Indiana Department of Commerce. Services include:

- Demographic and economic statistics from the Census Bureau & other federal agencies
- Access to Indiana statistics on social data including

crime, welfare, birth and death rates, mortality, etc.

- Access to redistricting software that creates geographic redistricting for political entities, schools, counties, and more
- Information and technical assistance through a state-wide network of 60 Data Center affiliates

Government Documents Collection

Maintains non-fiction collections for use by legislators, state officials & employees, libraries, and state residents. Manages the federal documents depository program and provides assistance in all subject areas, including:

- American history
- Federal government publications
- Politics and government
- Environment
- Economics and business
- Public policy and management
- Library and information science

Talking Book & Braille Library

The Indiana Talking Book and Braille Library (TBBL) maintains and circulates an extensive collection of audio, braille, and large print books and magazines to persons who cannot hold, handle, or see well enough to read conventional print because of a temporary or permanent visual or physical handicap. The TBBL also offers children's services, patron newsletters, reference and information services, and special programming.

DISCOVER INDIANA'S BEST KEPT SECRET

The Indiana State Library was established in 1825 to provide library services to Indiana's state governmental officials and employees. Since that time, its responsibilities have expanded to provide services to all citizens of Indiana, including special populations such as the blind and visually impaired, to collect and preserve all types of information about the state of Indiana, to support the development of the library profession, and to strengthen the services of all libraries within Indiana.

Today the Indiana State Library houses the vast collections with over two million volumes and three million manuscripts, as well as thousands of maps, federal documents, microfilm, and more. Just as the Library of Congress serves as the historical repository for our nation, the State Library is responsible for collecting and preserving all types of information and data about Indiana. The State Library proudly maintains two of the largest Indiana History and Genealogy collections in the World.

The magnificent limestone building housing the Indiana State Library and the Indiana Historical Bureau was dedicated in 1934. Within the building are beautiful stained glass windows, colorful murals, walnut-paneled walls, brass accents, and woodcarvings. The building is a showcase in itself, a beautiful example of early 1930s American architecture constructed with Indiana limestone, sandstone, and walnut.



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